

Snowdrift Farms 2017 Workshare Information

A workshare is a committed farm helper who trades 5 hours of field labor per week during the growing season in return for a weekly share of vegetables. We rely on workshares to help us with our vegetable growing and harvest, and greatly appreciate the assistance. Please check out our website to learn more about our farm and its practices: www.snowdriftfarm.org. If you have questions after reading this, please email us or contact Sue Miller, farm manager, at (307) 413-9115.

What is the time commitment?

Our workshares commit to a complete 4 month season of work, which runs from the week of May 22 through the week of September 25. We need weekly help on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** this year (you can request any day), for 5 full hours in the morning. The farm needs dependable and reliable workers who are able to come every week, so that we can consistently keep up with our field chores and harvests. If you can't commit to the entire season, we urge you to either sign up for our substitute workshare list, or call/arrange to come during a specific time period--we need extra help in July/August especially.

What is the schedule and what do we do?

We work from 7 am to noon (8 am to 1 pm early season) in the gardens, with a 10 minute break during the morning for rest, snacks, water, or other needs. We will provide a lunch after we're done, every other week or so depending on interest. We work in the vegetable gardens—tasks include transplanting, weeding by hand or with hoes, harvesting, erecting light garden structures, moving row covers, and more. None of the work requires prior skills or lifting over 20 lbs, but experience gardening is helpful. The work can be physically tiring, and we are out in all kinds of weather. We also work in the hoop houses, especially in inclement weather.

Shares

The farm provides workers with a weekly “share” of vegetables. The shares start with greens such as lettuce, spinach, and kale in early season, and culminate with a wide assortment of vegetables by mid-August. We strive to give an amount that will keep you and one other person eating good veggies all week; you can expect 6-9 different items on any given week, barring crop failures. Salad greens are included weekly, as are herbs.

Why work for our farm?

- ✓ You can help in growing local organic vegetables, and learn area gardening skills.
- ✓ It is a good way to meet other like-minded people.
- ✓ You get strong, and you eat really good fresh food.
- ✓ You learn about and discuss current topics in food & nutrition.
- ✓ We need your help to get our vegetables to market.

If you've read through all this and working at Snowdrift Farm sounds like something you'd like to do, please email or call Sue and we can discuss things further, and arrange a farm visit pre-season. Thanks!

Snowdrift Farms Workshare Application

I have read page one of this document. I agree to be a workshare at Snowdrift Farm in 2016, which means I will come to the farm every week for 5 hours of field work. I have a preferred day of (circle one) Tuesday Thursday Friday or (circle) I can work any of these days.

The weather is changeable and unpredictable. We work in rain, wind, sun, heat, cold and mud. Snowdrift Farms will provide an equipment/clothing list. I agree to come with proper clothing and snacks for the weather, and embrace the dirt! The farm will only cancel work if the weather is atrocious.

If I have a schedule conflict or cannot come on a given week, I will find a substitute workshare and notify the farm of the change as soon as I can. I agree to be absent no more than 3 days out of the season. Snowdrift Farm will provide a list of potential substitutes.

I am aware that the farm is in a rural location, about 11 miles to the nearest hospital/ E.R. in Driggs. I agree to notify the farm manager of any medical conditions and medications I am taking prior to starting work this season.

Please describe why you would like to be a workshare:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

*Emergency contact name & phone: _____

Deposit of \$30 is to be submitted with this application. It will be refunded at the end of the season if the above terms are met.

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